



# Community Development Block Grant Program Benefits

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The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is key to the City's demonstrated success in sustainable neighborhood revitalization through a three-pronged, community-based strategy addressing the physical, economic and social needs of the community.

In fiscal year 2010-11, the City of Riverside received **\$3,637,983** in **CDBG dollars** which funds these important activities:

- **Social Services** –
  - Food, clothing, emergency personal care items, and nutritional programs for low-income families
  - Nursing services for elderly and disabled
  - Education and training to address housing discrimination
  - Interpreter services for deaf and hearing impaired seniors
  - Free breast cancer screenings for low-income, uninsured individuals
  - Services to survivors of sexual assault and to their families
  - Smart Riverside refurbished computers and training in computer technology for low-income families and seniors.
- **Youth Services** – After-school, youth sports and music programs for low-income youth
- **Domestic Violence** – Shelter for victims, advocacy for abused and neglected children
- **Homeless Assistance** – Transitional living programs, emergency homeless shelters, casework services for at-risk homelessness
- **Economic Development Assistance** – Loan guarantees for small business loans to help create new jobs
- **Parks** – ADA improvements and renovations at parks within low-income areas
- **Infrastructure** – ADA improvements and road reconstruction of dilapidated roads in low-income areas
- **Neighborhood Facilities** – Design and construction of needed rehabilitation improvements at Dales Senior Center, Janet Goeske Senior Center, Villegas Community Center, All Saints Child Development Center, John North High School and the MFI Recovery Center, all serving low-income communities
- **Home Rehabilitation** – Providing needed repairs/improvements for low-income seniors/disabled homeowners

A **62% cut** would reduce this program by **\$2,255,549** to only **\$1,382,433** resulting in severely scaled back or eliminated programs for residents and lost jobs.

